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For: METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE FREEZING TOLERANCE OF PLANTS

VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS  
 37 CFR 1.9(d) AND 1.27(d) - NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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☐ TAX EXEMPT UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE (26 USC 501(a) and 501(c)(3))

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 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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 OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IF LOCATED IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(NAME OF STATE \_\_\_\_\_)

(CITATION OF STATUTE \_\_\_\_\_)

I hereby declare that the nonprofit organization identified above qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code with regard to the invention entitled METHOD FOR IMPROVING THE FREEZING TOLERANCE OF PLANTS by inventor(s) France Allard, Fathey Sarhan and Mario Houde as described in:

☐ the specification filed herewith.

☒ application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed December 22, 1999

☐ patent no. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

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If the rights held by the nonprofit organization are not exclusive, each individual, concern or organization having rights to the invention is listed below\* and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who could not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

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